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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Re: Inventor: Yasuyuki NOMIZU, et al.
Serial No: 10/659,349
Filed: September 11, 2003
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE READING
APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND RECORDING
MEDIUM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts
Filing of Declaration/Declaration
Request for Priority/Priority Document
IDS Related/List of Related Cases
PTO-1449
Cited Pending Applications (19)
Filing of Supplemental Application Data Sheet/Supplemental Application Data Sheet

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated December 8, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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